

WILSON SPURS SENATE TO SUPPORT CURRENCY

President Has Heart-to-Heart Talks with Democrats Inclined to Balk.

OPPOSED TO AMENDMENTS

Admits There Is Ground for Changes in Bill, but Would Leave That to New Congress.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Sept. 19.—The President is determined to force the currency bill through the Senate at once, and to this end will exert every persuasive means at his disposal. This was made clear to-day, when quiet tips were given to Senators who are inclined to balk to visit the White House during the next few days. There is emphatic denial of the intimation that President Wilson will withhold patronage favors from any Senator who attempts to block the administration currency legislation, although no effort is made to conceal the fact that he will speak feelingly to those Senators who have ideas contrary to the principles embodied in the bill, which has the approval of the President, Secretary Bryan and Secretary McAdoo. President Wilson believes that there should be reform in the currency laws to meet the conditions to be wrought by the new tariff bill, and is vigorously insisting that the Democratic Senators support his policy. He acknowledges that there will be grounds for changes in the present bill advocated by him, but asserts that these defects can be remedied at the regular session of Congress. He takes the position in talking to Senators that he has given up his vacation to see that the tariff bill is followed by currency reforms, and that for the sake of the party there should not be any resistance to his programme.

Senators To Be Talked To.

Heart-to-heart talks with the Senators who have lessened against the administration bill or who counsel delay are planned by the President. It is his purpose to call them to the White House during "off hours" and tell them just what he expects them to do. The penalty for neglect of following the administration programme is obvious to those who know how determined the President is to force his bill through.

Secretary McAdoo was at the White House to-day to discuss the currency bill and the prospects of its passage. It was reported that he was alarmed over the severe cuts made in the tariff bill in the Senate, but it is authoritatively stated that his concern was about the chances of the currency bill being opposed by certain Democratic Senators. Mr. McAdoo is of the same opinion as the President regarding the necessity of amendments to the currency bill in its present form, but agrees with President Wilson that, in the event of amendments, the bill should be passed, despite the vigorous objections of bankers and business men.

The word has been passed that no more changes in the bill will be approved by the President. Strong influences are being exerted to amend the measure in the Senate to meet, at least half way, the recommendations of the bankers as set forth in the resolutions adopted in Chicago several weeks ago, but President Wilson is averse to any changes whatever and has told members of Congress that he will rest his fate on the legislation as he originally designed it and as passed by the House.

House Not to Recede.

The House will not be permitted to recess for thirty days or more while the Senate considers the currency bill. Representative Palmer, one of the floor leaders of the lower body, went to the White House to-day and discussed the tentative recess plans with the President. President Wilson declared it would be impolitic to keep one legislative branch of the government at work while the other loafed. The House accordingly will stay on the job, meeting at least twice a week for the next thirty days.

Following the White House conference to-day Mr. Palmer said recess plans had been abandoned and that the best the members may hope for is a "gentleman's agreement" that no partisan business will be transacted while the Senate debates the currency bill.

The President and the House leaders fear that if the House were to recess it might cause friction in the Senate, because Senators would not enthrone over a Wilson order which keeps them in Washington while the members of the lower body are cavorting about the country and gleefully exclaiming: "Let the Senate do it!"

PARDON FOR J. F. HOUSTON

Col. Goethals Liberates Man Convicted of Homicide.

Panama, Sept. 19.—Colonel George W. Goethals, chairman of the Panama Canal Commission, acting on the recommendation of Governor Metcalf, to-day ordered the pardon of J. Frank Houston, of Kentucky, a former canal employee, who was under sentence to serve ten years' imprisonment for killing Harry Stern at Gatun, February 8. The killing was the outcome of jealousy on the part of Houston because of relations between Stern and Mrs. Houston. The Canal Zone Supreme Court yesterday handed down an opinion affirming the decision of the lower court, which sentenced Houston.

In accordance with the policy of the Canal Commission dealing with prisoners released from the penitentiary, Houston will be required to leave the Canal Zone.

WOMAN HELD AS 'POISON PEN'

Mrs. Nelson L. Pollard to Face Grand Jury at Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 19.—Judge Mahon, in the police court to-day, held Mrs. Nelson L. Pollard in \$500 bail for the action of the Union County grand jury, on a charge of being the author of the famous "poison pen" letters, which caused a sensation in this and surrounding towns several weeks ago.

When the case was called to-day the courtroom was filled with spectators, a majority of whom were women. The case has attracted wide attention because of the vicious character of the letters. Mrs. Pollard is also under bail in a proceeding brought by the federal authorities at Trenton, the charge against her in this case being made by Dr. Charles H. Schlechter, who also received a "poison pen" letter.

GERMAN PROFESSOR AND PARTY DRENCHED WHILE CARETAKER SNORES.



JOSE E. PIDGEON ACCUSED BY CLIENT

Deputy Secretary of State Said to Have Offered to Get Case Dropped.

COURT ASSAILS OFFICIAL Suggests Disbarment Action and Says Money Received as a Fee Should Be Returned.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] New York, Sept. 19.—Sensational charges were made against Jose E. Pidgeon, Deputy Secretary of State, in the Supreme Court before Justice Tompkins late to-night at the culmination of the case of W. W. Farley, State Commissioner of Excise, against William H. Hegner, for the revocation of the latter's license for alleged violations of the excise laws.

About two weeks ago, when the case was begun, Hegner, it is said, was advised to retain Mr. Pidgeon, on the ground that the state official, by exercising his political influence, would be able to have the case pending against him settled.

Hegner engaged Mr. Pidgeon and made a payment to him of \$150, the lawyer asserting him, it is alleged, that nothing further in the case would develop.

Letters are also reported to have been received by Hegner from Mr. Pidgeon to the same effect. Later the clerks who are conducting a no-litigation fight in New York heard that the case against Hegner had been discontinued and they appealed to Mr. Farley, who ordered his deputies to press the complaint.

Last Friday Mr. Pidgeon visited Hegner and explained that through a misunderstanding the action must be proceeded with, but again he is said to have given assurance that Hegner's license would not be revoked. When the case was resumed last Saturday Mr. Pidgeon failed to appear. The state excise men put in their proof, and inasmuch as Hegner was not represented by counsel the matter was adjourned until to-night.

Again Mr. Pidgeon did not show up, telephoning to Judge Tompkins that he was detained in Tarrytown. Hegner explained his dilemma to the court, and asked for another adjournment in order to secure a lawyer. His request was granted.

In commenting on Mr. Pidgeon's connection with the case Justice Tompkins said Hegner was entitled to the return of his money and urged that the matter be presented to the Appellate Division, saying that Pidgeon should be disbarred and punished for unprofessional conduct if the charges are proved. Judge Tompkins also said that this proceeding and all others in his court would be decided strictly upon their merits, and neither political influence nor personal friendship will have any influence whatever.

"It is useless to hire political influence," he said. "It does not count here and will not with the Excise Department."

MAY SHIFT MINE BUREAU

Transfer Aimed to Lighten Work of Secretary Lane.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Sept. 19.—An initial step toward the transfer of the Bureau of Mines from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Labor was taken to-day when it voted to seek the views of Secretary Lane and Secretary Wilson on the proposed change. Chairman Lewis and other members of the committee, referring to the recent physical breakdown of Secretary Lane, expressed the opinion that the Interior Department has been given too much work. When the transfer of the Bureau of Mines was suggested the committee had under consideration a bill to create a bureau of labor safety. Mr. Nolan, of

RAIN? ACH, HIMMEL! JA! JA!

Herr Professor and Escort at Columbia Are Drenched While Janitor Snores.

While the tailors were busy pressing out the wrinkles in his suit yesterday Dr. Karl Rathgen, German exchange professor to Columbia University, had ample opportunity to muse over his welcome at the Deutsches Haus the night before. At the same time over in his spacious office in the Library Building, Frank D. Fackenthal, secretary of Columbia, between snatches of sleep, lived over again the events of a few hours earlier, when, with cocktails flying, he ran about the campus in the early morning hours through downpours of rain, succeeding in arousing every one but the party he wanted.

Said party was the caretaker of the Deutsches Haus, in 11th street. While he snored comfortably on Mr. Fackenthal, Dr. Rathgen and the latter's wife and daughter stood shuddering at the door, with the rain beating down upon them. Dr. Rathgen can solve many knotty problems in political science, but he does not claim to be expert on the elements, nor does he profess to any great knowledge on somnia.

Mr. Fackenthal, too, carries many un-

pleasant secrets about on his shoulders, but how to keep dry in something little short of a cloudburst was beyond him. Thus it was that the party, who had just come from the Emperor and sought lodging at the Deutsches Haus, pounded and knocked in vain.

When Mr. Fackenthal started out as the official representative of the university to meet the incoming German exchange professor he had not deemed it necessary to warn the caretaker at the Deutsches Haus to keep awake.

Some say that after Secretary Fackenthal had generously raced about the campus with no protection from the rain, trying to find somewhere a key to the Haus, he succeeded in arousing Provost William H. Carpenter, who lives next door to the Deutsches Haus, and who took the dripping party to his warming hearth until repeated pounding on the dividing wall woke the caretaker and the Haus was thrown open. Others say that Mr. Fackenthal scaled the walls to the second story, where he was nearly shot by the caretaker, who just then woke up.

Be it all as it may, today finds Mr. Fackenthal with a hard cold, and Dr. Rathgen wondering if any other such welcomes await him in this country. In the mean time the rest of the university is having a good chuckle.

ROOSEVELT URGED AS FUSION CHOICE

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In 1896 and argue that if the "Great Commoner" could accomplish that straddle when his political experience was still in its infancy it would be no feat at all for Mr. Roosevelt to stand on two platforms in the maturity of his political career.

Such a course, it is urged, would avert the possibility of La Follette or Cummins or any other political infant from acquiring the political capital which Mr. Roosevelt accumulated through his independent candidacy of a year ago, and the naming of identical Presidential electors by both parties would practically insure the defeat of the Democratic aspirant, were it Wilson or Bryan, for it must not be forgotten that Mr. Wilson received 2,000,000 less than a majority of the votes in the last election.

The Republicans have tasted defeat and have found it bitter. Many have fallen in battle and are no longer a power in the party. Of those who remain, defeat stares many in the face. Are they, therefore, likely to place questions of personal vengeance above personal victory? That is the question which Mr. Roosevelt's "friends" are asking, and not only do they answer it themselves with an emphatic negative, but they maintain that their negative finds echoes in surprising quarters.

DEBT LIMIT TO BE HIGHER

\$15,000,000 Increase in City's Borrowing Capacity.

The debt limit of New York City will be increased by \$15,000,000 after October 1, when the new assessments will be made public by the Tax Department.

The general impression had prevailed that the assessments would not be increased much this year on account of the large increase two years ago. However, the many apartment houses on the West Side above 12d street have increased values so much that the total real estate assessments this year will be \$100,000,000 in excess of last year. There have been many decreases in certain sections below 14th street. Under the law the city may borrow money up to 10 per cent of the assessed value of the real estate in the city.

The total assessed value of property for tax purposes is \$8,010,000,000.

\$64-A-DAY TINSMITH DEAD.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 19.—The palmy days of the itinerant tinsmith were recalled to-day in the death here of Francis C. Wilcox, eighty-six years old. He was a California forty-niner. At the age of twenty-two he left Hartford with 122 others for the California gold fields, making the trip around the Horn. Once there, he did not seek long for gold, but turned to his trade of tinsmith, working on the Coast and making as much as \$64 a day.

SLAYERS OF MADERO SUSTAINED BY COURT

Mexican Military Tribunal Holds His Killing Not a Punishable Crime.

GAMBOA FOR PRESIDENT

Catholic Party May Make Him Its Candidate—Rebels at Odds.

[By Cable to The Tribune.] Mexico City, Sept. 19.—According to a decision handed down by the Military Court to-day, the deaths of the late President Francisco I. Madero and Vice-President Jose Maria Pino Suarez were not brought about by a punishable crime.

The decision comes after an investigation lasting six months. Immediately after the ten days' battle in the streets of Mexico City last February, which resulted in the coming into power of Provisional President Huerta, the inquiry was started by the military commandant of the federal district.

The witnesses included Major Francisco Cardenas, who commanded the escort conveying President Madero and Vice-President Suarez to the penitentiary from the national palace. Several other officers and people living near the jail were examined.

Congress Rebukes Huerta.

Señor Gamboa, Minister of Foreign Relations, went to the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon and made a long speech urging the chamber to permit Eduardo Tamariz to accept the post of Minister of Public Instruction. Señor Gamboa dwelt on the necessity of relating to oblivion the unfortunate religious differences of the past, which had entailed on the country untold misfortunes. He said that the religious affiliations of Tamariz as a Catholic were a matter of indifference, as in taking the oath of office he has promised to obey the constitution and reform laws.

He also pointed out that Porfirio Diaz had adopted a policy of conciliation as between the Clericals and the Liberals, and Madero had followed in Diaz's footsteps in this respect. Madero's Minister of Foreign Relations at the time of Madero's downfall, Pedro Lascurain, is known as a decided Catholic.

Señor Gamboa also enlarged upon the undesirability of a conflict between the Executive and the Legislature in the present circumstances, but all his arguments were unavailing. The chamber persisted in refusing to give Tamariz permission to enter the Cabinet, the vote against him being 108 to 29.

This fact has a double significance, for, on the one hand, it indicates the revival of the religious divisions of the past, and, on the other, it brings Congress into direct conflict with Huerta. Under Porfirio Diaz the Legislature was always amenable to the views of the Executive.

Many recent events, culminating in the attitude of the Chamber of Deputies toward the appointment of Eduardo Tamariz as Minister of Public Instruction, point to a recrudescence of the old animosities between the Clericals and Liberals, which caused so much bloodshed and turmoil in Mexico about the middle of the last century. It was these animosities that led to the war of reform and the attempt to establish a monarchy in Mexico, under Maximilian of Hapsburg, with the support of French bayonets, despite the constitution of 1857 and the reform laws of 1859 and 1873.

Catholic Party a Power.

The Clerical party has always been strong, and one of the reasons why Porfirio Diaz was unwilling to give free play to electoral institutions was that he knew that in a fair field the Clericals would be able to win at the polls almost everywhere. Even Madero, who laid such stress on suffrage, was obliged in order to prevent the Catholic party having a majority in the Chamber of Deputies, to permit his political managers in the Chamber to reject the credentials of many Catholic deputies, notwithstanding that in reality they were perfectly in order.

The bitterness that has arisen over Tamariz's appointment and the opposition of the Chamber to its ratification is likely to complicate the situation. The Catholic papers this morning publish indignant comment on the attitude of the Chamber, attributing it exclusively to the fact that Tamariz is a member of the Catholic party. "La Nacion" says that Liberal deputies set their Jacobinical principles above the interests of the country, and "El Pais" says that such deputies, besides giving sorrow to their Jacobinism, have placed themselves in direct conflict with the executive by refusing to sanction the appointment made by him in the use of his constitutional prerogative of selecting his official family.

How the deadlock will end cannot be foreseen. Those who know Huerta think it unlikely he will cancel the appointment. On the other hand it is necessary for the Chamber Deputies to give permission to one of its members, as Tamariz is, in order that he may legally accept an appointive post under the executive.

May Nominate Gamboa.

The convention of the Catholic party will commence next Sunday. Señor Gamboa, Minister of Foreign Affairs, is now added to the list of those who are said to stand a chance of securing the nomination for the Presidency by the Catholic party; but the leaders of the party keep their own counsel and give no indication of their choice.

Rumors were again current to-day that Dr. Urrutia will return to the Interior Department, but this is not correct. Business men were encouraged to-day by a slight reduction in the exchange rate. This, it is said, points to improving financial conditions.

Dissensions among the leaders of the rebels in the State of Sonora are growing, due to the fact that all are fighting to obtain the command of the rebel forces, according to a report brought here to-day by Adolfo Olvera, the paymaster general of the federal troops.

GOING TO HOLLAND TO TESTIFY.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Sayville, Long Island, Sept. 19.—On board the steamship Kronland, which sails from New York for Holland to-morrow, will be seven witnesses, in charge of Detective J. M. Padula, of District Attorney Creenen's staff, to testify in the case of William Marinissen, charged with killing his chum, Vanderpal, in a West Sayville oyster house last February. The trial will take place in Middleburg, Holland, on October 3.

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MEXICAN CONGRESS TURNS UPON HUERTA

Refuses to Accept Tamariz's Appointment to Cabinet by President.

[From The Tribune Bureau.] Washington, Sept. 19.—The State Department was notified to-day that the Mexican Congress had voted, by a vote of 90 to 14, Provisional President Huerta's appointment of Eduardo Tamariz as Minister of Public Instruction.

The Constitutionalist here say that the action of the Mexican Congress in vetoing Huerta's appointment of a new Minister of Public Instruction marks a break in Huerta's ranks and the beginning of the end.

If Americans who have left Mexico at the suggestion of President Wilson and at the expense of the United States government desire to return to their homes in Mexico they will have to pay their own expenses. That is the answer which the Secretary of State has sent to same refugees who have just arrived at San Diego and want to know if the government would bear the expense.

There is much interest here in the report that General Huerta has summoned General Felix Diaz to Mexico City with a view to his becoming a candidate for the Presidency in the October elections. It is practically conceded that if Diaz is a candidate he will be elected, as he will have the support of Huerta, and Huerta controls the electoral machinery.

ART BACK ON FREE LIST

Tariff Conferrees Also Take Duty from Furs and Leathers.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Hope of the conferrees of the Senate and House reaching a complete agreement on the tariff bill this week was shattered to-day when the conference adjourned until to-morrow, with about eighteen questions still in disagreement. Half a dozen of these subjects have produced determined deadlocks, with all sides appealing to President Wilson for assistance. Representative Underwood expressed the hope to-night that by to-morrow night all the taxing features might be agreed on.

At this morning's session of the conferrees the House receded from its demand for free ferro-manganese, and the Senate compromised on the House rates on angora wool and mohair, which had been free listed.

In the afternoon disputes over works of art, fur and leather were disposed of. Works of art were put on the free list practically as originally proposed by the House and without certain Senate restrictions; furs, dressed and undressed, were free listed, the House receding from its demand for duties ranging from 10 to 40 per cent, and leather was free listed, with the exception of a 10 per cent duty on enamelled upholstery leather. The House had put leathers generally on the free list and the Senate's amendment made them dutiable at 10 per cent.

Experts to-night informed Senator Simmons that as at present drawn and agreed to, the bill will produce an income that should give the government a surplus of \$16,000,000 in a normal year.

FORTUNES TOLD BY MAIL

Scheme Brought Man Under Arrest Many Dupes, It Is Alleged.

Charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes, Marcel Miksic, a salesman, twenty-nine years old, of No. 1725 First avenue, New York City, under indictment with his partner, Michael Reager, by the federal grand jury, was arrested in Mount Vernon on a United States bench warrant Thursday night and was turned over to J. J. Kumb, deputy United States marshal. According to the police, when Miksic learned that his partner was arrested he fled.

The scheme worked by the two men, the police say, was sending out circulars to foreigners pretending to tell their fortunes for \$1 on up to \$10. It is alleged that many were duped by their scheme.

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